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To: Community Rehabilitation Providers (CRP)
From: Theresa Koleszar, Director, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS)
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Re: Establishment Project webinar recording
Date: September 9, 2016

A recording of the September 6, 2016, webinar, and PowerPoint, on the Establishment Project Request for Funding can be found here is now available on [the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services Announcements](#) and the [Vocational Rehabilitation Employment Services Web pages](#).

The Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) implemented major revisions to Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) employment services in July 2015. Over the last year, BRS released information regarding best practices, provided technical assistance and continues to make necessary revisions to further improve employment services and ensure that individuals with disabilities have access to needed services and supports.

Through ongoing feedback from the employment services workgroup, VR staff, providers and other stakeholders, BRS has identified a significant need to increase capacity of employment service providers to ensure delivery of quality services to individuals with disabilities.

In response to this identified need, BRS plans to release a Request for Funding (RFF) opportunity to non-profit community rehabilitation programs (CRPs) to enter into establishment projects. This opportunity is available for non-profit CRPs who are approved VR employment service providers as July 1, 2016.

Funding for establishment projects will support the following:

- 1) Assist non-profit CRPs to build staff capacity in order to provide quality employment services, including supported employment services; and
- 2) Assist non-profit CRPs to develop or improve training for employment services staff, which includes training on foundational skills.

